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- ☒ An Amendment and Response under 37 CFR § 1.116 (4 Pages).
- ☒ Clean Version of Pending Claims (4 pgs.).

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In response to the final Office Action mailed March 21, 2002, please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect cancellation of claim 3 and amendment of previously pending claim 1. The specific amendment to the individual claim is detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

1. (Amended) A method for reducing random single bit data loss in a FLASH memory circuit comprising:

providing a semiconductor layer having a surface;

heating the layer in an atmosphere comprising a Hydrogen isotope; and

fabricating a memory circuit comprising single bit data using the semiconductor layer

wherein single bit data loss is reduced.